

Message Notes

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In Christ
Adopted
Ephesians 1:5-6
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- ◆ Being _____ of who we are *in Christ* _____ the way we live.
- ◆ Christianity claims that our _____ is also our _____. (Mt. 6:9)

The God of Adoption

In love He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will. **Ephesians 1:5 (ESV)**

- ◆ In Christ, we have been _____ into God's _____. (1 Jn 3:1)
- ◆ Before we were _____, God "decided beforehand" to _____ us.

This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure. **Ephesians 1:5b (NLT)**

- ◆ God adopted us b/c He _____ us & wants a _____. (1 Jn 4:8)

Identity Check: Sons or Slaves?

- ◆ Many Christians believe they're _____ not _____. (Ro 8:14-17)
- ◆ A "slave" obeys the Father out of _____ and _____. (Lk 15:25-30)

But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. **Luke 15:29**

- ◆ A son knows their _____ isn't based on their _____.

The Privileges of Adoption

- ① In adoption we're given a _____ _____. (2 Cor 5:17; Gal 2:20; Rev 3:12)
- ② In adoption we're given intimate _____ to our Father. (Heb 4:14-16)
- ③ In adoption we're given a _____ _____. (Gal 4:1-7)

So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir. **Galatians 4:7**

- ④ In adoption we're _____ for a higher _____. (Heb 12:10)
- ◆ Do I believe the truth: I am _____ & _____ as a _____ of God?